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1 with a credential that can assist them with qualifying for jobs
2 matching their skill levels; and

3 WHEREAS, these assessments also provide feedback to
4 students about their actual skill levels so they can receive
5 remedial or further education to help them move into the jobs
6 they want; and

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky and Louisiana have successfully
8 implemented a workplace readiness certification program that
9 matches a prospective employee's skills with the skills
10 required by an employer; and

11 WHEREAS, such a certification program could potentially
12 improve the competitiveness and attractiveness of the New
13 Mexico workforce;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state workforce development board
16 appoint a task force comprised of representatives of the
17 state's workforce support agencies and programs, the regional
18 workforce development board, public school and higher education
19 workforce training providers and the state's business
20 community; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force work through
22 the governor's office of workforce training and development to
23 study the feasibility of establishing a certification program
24 in the public schools, one-stop centers and community colleges
25 by reviewing similar programs in other states, available

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1 assessment instruments, implementation alternatives, a
2 potential timeline and funding requirements; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state workforce
4 development board submit the task force study to key employer
5 groups, training providers and workforce agencies to solicit
6 input and recommendations for a report to be submitted to the
7 appropriate interim legislative committee by November 1, 2005;
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the director of the state workforce development
11 board and the director of the governor's office of workforce
12 training and development.

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